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JAMIE MILES,

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVA

Civil No.:

Plaintiff,

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THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

-and-

COMMISSIONER CHARLES RAMSEY,

Defendants.:

COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff, Jamie Miles, by and through her undersigned counsel, the O'Hanlon Law Firm, P.C., hereby demands a trial by jury and complains against the above-captioned Defendants, the individual Defendant in his individual capacity acting under color of state law as well as acting as a policymaker and the City acting as employer and pursuant to Constitutional-violating customs and policies as follows:

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. This action arises under the provisions of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000e, et seq. for claims of employment discrimination based upon gender and retaliation and claims are brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and 42 U.S.C. § 1988 for violations of Plaintiff's Fourteenth Amendment Equal Protection Clause rights. Plaintiff is seeking damages to redress the deprivation of her rights from discriminatory employment practices on the basis of gender, hostile work environment, and retaliation, by Defendant, the City of Philadelphia, through its practices and customs, and resulting in a deprivation of benefits, privileges, terms, and conditions of employment owed to Plaintiff by Defendant, the City of Philadelphia, which are

enjoyed by male employees but that were denied to Plaintiff, a female. The latter also constitutes a violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000e, *et seq.* against Defendant the City of Philadelphia as employer of Plaintiff, Plaintiff having continually complained about the allegations contained herein without any appropriate remedial action taken by Defendant the City of Philadelphia.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. The jurisdiction of this Court is predicated upon 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1343, to redress the unlawful deprivation of Plaintiff's rights secured, guaranteed and protected by federal law. Venue is proper in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b), wherein Plaintiff resides, Defendants regularly conduct business and/or reside and where all the wrongful conduct occurred.

PARTIES

- 3. Plaintiff, Jamie Miles, is an adult female citizen of the United States and resides in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania and is a former officer of the Philadelphia Police Department ("PPD").
- 4. Defendant, the City of Philadelphia, is a municipal corporation and the public employer or former employer of Plaintiff.
- 5. Defendant Police Commissioner, Charles H. Ramsey (hereinafter "Defendant Ramsey"), is the former Chief of Police and, therefore, the former chief executive officer and policymaker of the PPD.

FACTS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS

- 6. Plaintiff was an officer with the PPD since April of 2003.
- 7. Plaintiff was terminated from the PPD in November of 2011 by Defendant Ramsey.

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This followed a period of ongoing sexual harassment by Plaintiff's former supervisor, Corporal Juan Vega ("Vega") and an instance wherein Plaintiff put some false information on some paperwork.

- 8. Plaintiff was eventually reinstated as a Philadelphia Police Officer on or about May 8, 2013 but did not return to work until the end of July, 2013.
- 9. On December 31, 2013, settlement occurred in a federal lawsuit wherein present Plaintiff was the plaintiff and present Defendant the City of Philadelphia was a defendant as of Eastern District of Pennsylvania docket, 11-cv-4040.
- 10. At the end of June 2013, Plaintiff returned to work with the PPD following a period of pretextual termination because of Plaintiff's sexual harassment complaints against supervising officers.
- 11. Prior to Plaintiff's federal settlement, Plaintiff was also falsely accused of misusing sick leave and was repeatedly sent to the City's Health Provider Offices at 19th and Fairmount in Philadelphia. Sick pay was subtracted from Plaintiff's pay without justification.
- 12. Upon return to work, Plaintiff was issued 75-18 Notice of a Disciplinary Hearing relating to false accusations of being AWOL. Plaintiff was sent to a Police District approximately 1.5 hours / 25 miles from her home. Other male officers, for example Officer Burns, also lived a far distance from work and but were not marked late and no vacation time was taken from them in contrast to Plaintiff.
- 13. A supervising Lieutenant, Michael Reilly, continuously sick checked Plaintiff and wrote up Plaintiff for no reason and made Plaintiff sign inaccurate paperwork. Vacation time was deducted when Plaintiff was a few minutes late for work and this did not happen to male coworkers

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or female workers that were not suffering retaliation. Requests for reasonable accommodations were denied and Plaintiff had to drop off her children prior to work.

- 14. Disciplinary forms, 75-18s, were signed by an old captain, Captain Dennis Gallagher, who was a named party in the prior federal Complaint.
- 15. From July 2013 until Plaintiff was injured on duty in January of 2014, Plaintiff was issued counseling memorandums and several sick checks with counseling memorandums for sick check violations although Plaintiff did not violate a sick check.
- 16. On May 28, 2014, Plaintiff's boyfriend and daughter were in a minor vehicle accident. Plaintiff wished to submit a police report regarding what she was told about the incident. She was not permitted to do at the 8th Police District. Plaintiff subsequently submitted a police report which contained only information provided by her boyfriend and daughter. None of this information was, therefore, false. Regardless, Plaintiff was charged with submitting false reports and abuse of authority. A Police Board of Inquiry ("PBI") hearing was conducted on September 8, 2015. Discipline of a few days suspension was recommended by the Panel. Defendant Ramsey instead terminated Plaintiff indicating discrimination since no similarly-placed male officer would have been terminated for such alleged wrongdoing and retaliation because Defendant Ramsey had previously terminated Plaintiff and, despite Plaintiff's return to work ordered by an arbitrator, Defendant Ramsey wanted to show who was boss in stark contrast to his ongoing acceptance of outrageous conduct by similarly-placed male employees including sexual harassers of Plaintiff. Plaintiff was not permitted to explain the prior history of gender discrimination at her PBI. Plaintiff was not subsequently permitted by a labor arbitrator to fully present the history and environment of sexual discrimination and Defendant Ramsey failed to appear for the arbitration despite being subpoenaed to appear. Defendant the City of Philadelphia's attorneys objected to

the presentation of the history of sexual harassment and retaliation and argued that Plaintiff should present her claims via Title VII in federal court.

- 17. Plaintiff's former boyfriend, PPD Officer Michael Winkler, stalked Plaintiff's home and her person but PPD refused to respond or investigate the issue when Plaintiff was interviewed on April 16, 2015 regarding an incident when she was left bloodied and bruised by Winkler. Plaintiff also reported domestic violence but nothing was done and male colleagues of Winkler harassed Plaintiff via social media. As with so many other male officers, there was no investigation or discipline by Defendants until news media reported criminality on the parts of these males. Examples include Winkler, Christopher Hulmes, Richard DeCoatesworth, the Liciardello drugs gang (Thomas Liciardello, Michael Spicer, Brian Speiser, Perry Betts, and Linwood Norman), Jeffrey Walker, the Cujdik gang (including Jeffrey Cujdik and Thomas Tolstoy) accused of, *inter alia*, sexual assault. Defendant Ramsey's lack of action regarding male acts of criminality are in stark contrast to the action taken against Plaintiff and other female officers and supervisors within the PPD who have never been charged with a crime but Defendant Ramsey has purposefully and personally enacted differential discipline based upon gender.
- 18. Plaintiff internally complained about the discriminatory treatment and hostile work environment that she has suffered to direct supervisors and no other similarly placed employees have suffered similar ongoing discriminatory and retaliatory treatment but Plaintiff was not fully interviewed by Internal Affairs Division ("IAD") and the complaints were dismissed without any investigation on May 1, 2015.
- 19. Plaintiff properly performed her duty on a consistent basis upon return to work and since her prior gender discrimination settlement.

- 20. Plaintiff filed a charge of discrimination with the EEOC based upon gender and including claims of retaliation and hostile work environment on October 20, 2015.
- 21. An EEOC Right to Sue letter was sent as of Charge Number 530-2016-00510 on October 31, 2016 and was received several days later.

COUNT ONE: 42 U.S.C. § 1983 VIOLATION OF THE EQUAL PROTECTION CLAUSE OF THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS

- 22. Paragraphs 1 through 21 are incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth.
- 23. Defendant the City of Philadelphia and its policymaker Defendant Ramsey have a custom and/or policy of disparately treating females when compared to male employees. With regard to female employees of the PPD, there is a *de facto* intentional policy of treating females, like Plaintiff, more harshly in terms of conditions of employment, in disciplinary contexts, and in retaliation for speaking out against unequal treatment.
- 24. Defendant the City of Philadelphia, through policymaker Defendant Ramsey, acts under a policy that treats female differently and treated Plaintiff differently when compared to other male officers. For example, Officer Richard DeCoatsworth shot civilians without justification, racially profiled citizens, and engaged in kidnapping and drug use and despite this, Defendant Ramsey stated that he should have helped DeCoateswoth. Deputy Commissioner William Blackburn would select photographs from private PPD files of female officers that he wanted to meet in an attempt to seduce them and would have his police aide drive to such meetings and no substantive disciplinary action resulted and Defendant Ramsey stated that he had full confidence in Blackburn. Defendant Ramsey promoted Chief Inspector Carl Holmes after Holmes was initially demoted for sexually assaulting an aide as well as at least four other sexual

discrimination lawsuits against Holmes. Lieutenant Anthony Washington had at least fourteen complaints of sexual harassment and/or sexual assault and was promoted with the imprimatur of Defendant Ramsey. Corporal Juan Vega, Plaintiff's initial sexual harasser, was allowed to initially stay in the same unit and then retire with full pension despite sexually harassing a subordinate (Plaintiff) and no effective disciplinary action was taken. Former PPD Chief Inspector, Evelyn Heath, prevailed in a lawsuit and has a present open case (Pa.E.D. 16-cv-5302) which alleges systematic differential treatment and retaliation within the PPD. Staff Inspector Jerrold Bates was accused of fondling and propositioning an aide. Male officers including Liciardello, Spicer, Betts, Norman, and Speiser were reinstated without arbitration despite systematic corruption and Defendant Ramsey stating that they were involved in one of the worst cases of police corruption that he had ever seen. Jeffrey Cujdik, Richard Cujdik, Thomas Tolstoy, and Robert McDonnell were all reinstated despite accusations or admissions relating to robbery, sexual assault, and tampering with evidence.

- 25. Defendant Ramsey used this policy to deliberately and personally perpetuate discrimination and retaliation against Plaintiff and also engaged in a deliberate practice of sexual discrimination and retaliation against Plaintiff. Defendant Ramsey was personally involved and acted under color law. Defendant Ramsey ignored Plaintiff's prior sexual harassment by Vega and other supervisors when he initially terminated Plaintiff and he ignored the PBI's recommendation and terminated Plaintiff in 2015 when Plaintiff had done nothing wrong and a male officer, Lieutenant Kevin Cooke, did the exact same thing as Plaintiff, made an accident report based upon information relayed by parties involved in a car accident. Defendant Ramsey's motivation was based upon retaliation and he was personally involved in the discriminatory practices which affected Plaintiff.
 - 26. Defendant Ramsey acted under color of state law and Defendants' actions caused

economic, vocational, and psychological damages to Plaintiff for which Defendants should compensate Plaintiff.

COUNT TWO: TITLE VII AGAINST DEFENDANT THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA – DISCRIMINATION AND RETALIATION ON THE BASIS OF GENDER, HOSTILE WORK ENVIRONMENT, AND DISCHARGE

- 27. Paragraphs 1 through 26 are incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth.
- 28. All Defendants acted in a manner that led to the treatment of Plaintiff in a manner that was wholly at odds with similarly-situated male employees, Plaintiff suffered ongoing retaliation because of internal EEO complaints, underlying EEOC charge, prior gender discrimination lawsuit, and her complaints and requests for accommodation were ignored or led to further retaliation.
- 29. The harm suffered by Plaintiff was continuous, severe, and pervasive over all of the periods detailed from the time of settlement of her prior lawsuit on December 31, 2013 until her eventual termination and Plaintiff was unable to perform her work and was subjected to severe psychological injury.
 - 30. Plaintiff received an appropriate right to sue letter from the EEOC.
- 31. As a result of Defendant the City of Philadelphia's discrimination and retaliation, Plaintiff suffered economic, vocational, and psychological damages for which Defendants should compensate Plaintiff.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, PLAINTIFF PRAYS:

1. Order Defendants to make Plaintiff, insofar as she was adversely affected by the described practices, whole by providing appropriate back pay and reimbursement for lost pay,

experience, and other benefits in an amount to be shown at trial. Grant Plaintiff emotional damages for pain and suffering that has resulted from Defendants' actions.

- 2. Grant Plaintiff her attorneys' fees, costs, and disbursements.
- 3. Grant Plaintiff pre-judgment and post-judgment interest.
- 4. Issue a Writ of Mandamus ordering the City of Philadelphia to reinstate Plaintiff with backpay and benefits because monetary damages cannot make Plaintiff whole and because the Defendants have engaged in the illegal practices alleged.
- 5. Grant Plaintiff punitive damages (Title VII against Defendant the City of Philadelphia and 1983 against Defendant Ramsey) because of the outrageous conduct alleged and to discourage similar future practices.
- 6. Grant additional relief as the Court deems just and proper including, but no limited to, punitive damages to counter the willful misconduct that Plaintiff suffered and to discourage future similar practices.

Respectfully submitted,

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